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☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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- ☒ the claims:
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International application No.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. Novelty

DE-A-200 00 002 (D1), which is considered to represent the closest prior art, describes a stanchion for a tarpaulin structure that can be locked on to a fastening member, said stanchion comprising a lever device for raising and locking the stanchion.

The subject matter of the present claim 1 differs herefrom in that the stanchion has a thrust bearing and in that a supporting element is provided that is insertable between the fastening member and the thrust bearing such that, when the stanchion is locked, the joints of the lever device do not transmit vertical forces.

The present application therefore satisfies the criterion in PCT Article 33(2) since the subject matter of claim 1, the sole independent claim, is novel over the prior art as defined in the Regulations (PCT Rule 64.1 to 64.3).

2. Inventive step

Proceeding from the indicated prior art, the problem addressed by the present invention may therefore be

considered that of developing a stanchion according to the preamble of the independent claim such that it is reliably lockable and has an improved service life.

The design solution corresponding to claim 1, whereby the pressure on the joints of the lever device is relieved in the locked state, is neither disclosed by any of the searched citations taken alone nor suggested by the overall prior art.

The present application therefore satisfies the criterion in PCT Article 33(3) since the subject matter of claim 1 involves an inventive step (PCT Rule 65.1, 65.2)

3. Industrial applicability

The stanchion as per claim 1 meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(4) because it can be produced and used, at least in the field of automotive engineering.

4. Claims dependent on claim 1

Dependent claims 2-23, the subject matter of which consists of further developments of the invention according to claim 1, likewise meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) to (4).